

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Para Medical Education – Rules – Private Para Medical Training Institutions (Grant of permission and regulation of admissions into private institutions) Rules, 1997 – Prescribing Intermediate with Biological and Physical Sciences as the essential qualification for the Diploma in Para Medical Courses-Notification –Issued.

-HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (K2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 124

dated: 19-05-2010

Read the following:-

1. From Director, Public Health, Ministry of Family Welfare, Govt of India, New Delhi, Letter No.T.12011/11/80-Ophth/ph, dt.5.9.1981.
2. G.O.Ms.No.808, M&H (R1) Dept., dt.13-12-1981.
3. G.O.Ms.No 630, M&H (F1) Dept,dated 23-08-1984.
4. G.O.Ms.No.304, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.7-8-1997.
5. G.O.Ms.No.188, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.2-7-2004.
6. G.O.Ms.No.128, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.25-4-2007.
7. From the Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.4170/NPCB/2009, dt.9-7-2009.
8. From the Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.4170/NPCB/2009, dt.12-8-2009.
9. From the APAT order dated 6-11-2009 in OA Nos.11775 and O.A.No.11776 of 2009.
- 10.Representatin dt nil from A.P.Un-Employees Ophthalmic Assistants Association(Trained in Government Regional EyeHospitals), Hyderabad.

ORDER:

In the G.O. 2nd read above, orders were issued according permission to start Ophthalmic Assistant Training School at Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool in terms of guidelines issued in the letter 1st read above. According to the admission rules and eligibility for the post of Ophthalmic Assistant, Govt of India has prescribed that candidates who have secured at least 50% marks in the qualifying exam i.e., 12th standard (10+2 or one year pre-medical after 11 years of higher secondary in Science with Biology/Mathematics, Intermediate or equivalent). Further, in G.O. 3rd read above, the Ophthalmic Assistant Training Schools were expanded to Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal, Andhra Medical College, Visakapatnam and Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, Hyderabad under National Programme for Control of Blindness(NPCB).

2. In the G.O. 4th read above, orders were issued notifying the rules of A.P.Private Paramedical Training Institutions (Grant of permission and regulation of admissions into private institutions) Rules, 1997. In Rule 6 of the said rules i.e., Eligibility criteria for admissions, it is notified that for the Diploma or for the Certificate courses, the qualifying examination is S.S.C.

3. In the G.O. 5th read above an amendment was issued notifying S.S.C. as the minimum entry qualification for Diploma in Ophthalmic Technician and Diploma in Optometric Technician courses. In the G.O. 6th read above i.e., A.P.Para Medical Rules, 2006, for Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant course, S.S.C. was prescribed as the entry qualification.

4. In the letter 7th read above, the Director of Health while issuing instructions to the District Blindness Control Society for filling up the posts of
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Paramedical Ophthalmic Assistants on contract basis, has requested that the said posts be filled duly following the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) guidelines, wherein the eligibility criteria for the said post is mentioned as Two years Diploma course in Optometry or trained as a Ophthalmic Assistant in any of the recognized Government Hospitals as per the guidelines of National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

5. In the letter 8th read above, the Director of Health has issued clarification to the District Blindness Control Society stating that the candidates who are trained in Two years Diploma course in Optometry or trained as a Ophthalmic Assistant in institutions recognized by Government of Andhra Pradesh also to be considered in addition to the Government Recognized Hospitals.

6. In the orders of APAT 9th read above, Hon'ble APAT has suspended the clarification issued by the Director of Health in the letter 8th read above, and observed that it is open for the Respondents to proceed for recruitment and selection, strictly, in accordance with the rules and the notification issued for the post of Paramedical Ophthalmic Officer.

7. In the representation 10th read above, the President, Andhra Pradesh Ophthalmic Assistants Association has requested to issue suitable directions to the concerned officers to fill the posts of Ophthalmic Assistants with suitably qualified candidates as per the directions of the A.P. Administrative Tribunal and as per the guidelines of National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) (who were trained in Govt. Regional Eye Hospitals with Intermediate Science).

8. Having examined the expert opinion in the matter that for the past 30 years the Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant and Optometrist courses are being run with Intermediate qualification at Regional Eye Hospitals in the state with the qualification prescribed by the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) and that both the courses need knowledge of Physics Biology and Chemistry at the intermediate level. Further, the qualifications prescribed for any Para Medical courses should be consistent with the national standards to ensure that graduates of Andhra Pradesh State are not disadvantaged due to lower standards. Further, the State Government is committed to upholding and maintain academic standards and comply with the requirements of National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

9. In this context, the Government after careful examination of the matter, in order to uphold and maintain the academic standards and comply with the requirements of National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) have decided to prescribe the qualification of Intermediate with Biological and Physical Sciences as essential qualification for the 2 years Ophthalmic Assistant Diploma course.

10. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 99 of the Andhra Pradesh Education Act, 1982 (Act 1 of 1982), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Private Paramedical Training Institutions (Grant of permission and regulation of admissions into private institutions) Rules, 1997 issued in the G.O.Ms.No.304, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.7-8-1997 and further amended in G.O.Ms.No.188, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.2-7-2004.

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AMENDMENT

In the said rules, for Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 6, the following shall be substituted against the column of minimum entry qualification prescribed for the course in respect of Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant course of 2 years duration.

Essential qualification shall be Intermediate with Biology and Physical Sciences as prescribed by the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

11. The Secretary, A.P. Para Medical Board and Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. P.V.RAMESH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner, Printing Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad (with a request to publish the notification in the A.P. Gazette and supply 200 copies to Government)

The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Para Medical Board.

The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyd.

The Commissioner of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyd.

All Heads of Departments under the control of HM&FW Department.

The Commissioner, I&PR Department, Hyderabad.

All the District Collectors in the State

All the Superintendents of Government Teaching Hospitals in the State.

All the District Medical and Health Officers in the State.

All District Co-ordinators of Hospital Services in the state.

The District Social Welfare Officers in the State.

The Health Medical and Family Welfare (J,D,F,H) Dept.,

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